

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

THE CITY OF BLAINE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GOLDER ASSOCIATES, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. C03-0813L

ORDER GRANTING IN PART
DEFENDANTS' MOTION IN LIMINE
REGARDING ALTER EGO CLAIMS

This matter comes before the Court on "Defendants' Motion in Limine on Evidence Relating to Golder Associates Corporation and Enterra Holdings Ltd. and Right to Jury." Dkt. # 319. Defendants seek an order prohibiting the presentation of argument or evidence regarding Golder Associates Corporation ("GAC") and Enterra Holdings Ltd. ("Enterra") during phase one of the trial. Defendants also seek a determination that the Court, not the jury, will decide whether the corporate form should be disregarded as to GAC and Enterra.

Plaintiffs agree that evidence regarding GAC and Enterra is not relevant to the issues to be decided in the first phase of the trial. The Court will reserve the issue of whether plaintiffs are entitled to a jury on their alter ego/veil piercing claim against GAC and Enterra. A

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1 jury capable of hearing both phases of the trial will be empaneled, but the Court will decide at
2 the end of phase one what, if any, role the jury will have in phase two.

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4 For all of the foregoing reasons, defendants' motion to regarding the alter ego
5 claims is GRANTED in part and RESERVED in part.

6 DATED this 11th day of May, 2006.

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United States District Judge
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